



A Message from Councilmember Malnar

Greetings Sahuaro Residents!

This week in council workshop we discussed developing a broader plan to address the problem of vacant properties and directed staff to provide additional information on staffing and establishing a volunteer program and other options. We also discussed service line warranty programs, but did not move it forward. Upcoming workshop agenda items are posted the week prior on the city's website: (<http://www.glendaleaz.com/Clerk/agendasandminutes/Legistar.cfm>).

There was also a well attended public meeting held by the developer for a proposed development on 59th avenue just south of Ironwood High School on approximately 8 acres of land. The developer presented their proposal and received feedback from the group. Most all of the comments expressed concern over the density of the development. The developer said they would come up with other options and bring them back to the public in the near future. We will post the next meeting in our weekly newsletter.

- Ray Malnar

Ribbon Cuttings

We welcome two new businesses to the Sahuaro District who had ribbon cutting events this week.

A Taste of Buffalo restaurant is located at 17045 N 49th Ave. They offer Buffalo New York style hotdogs, sandwiches, etc.

The 2nd business is **FastSigns**, located at 6020 West Bell Rd. They are an AZ sign company providing banners and signs, custom banners, interior signs, exterior signs and custom signs for business and consumers.

Welcome to Glendale and thanks for growing our economy and making Glendale a better place to live.



Announcements

Arizona Ron Leads Walking Tours Of Downtown Glendale

GLENDALE, Ariz. - Learn the story of Glendale first-hand from one of its long-time residents, "Arizona Ron." Arizona Ron will be offering "The Town of Dreams" Walking Tours in Downtown Glendale on Dec. 9, 11, 16 and 18. Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W.

Glenn Dr. suite 140, and costs \$15 for adults or \$5 for ages 16 and under.

Learn how Glendale transformed from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona over the past 120 years, and how it has grown from a few hundred people to 230,000-plus residents, all the while retaining its hometown charm. Arizona Ron invites everyone to "come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk throughout Historic Downtown Glendale!" For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

CPR and First Aid Training

6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn basic CPR and first aid to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to administer emergency care in cases of injury or sudden illness. Successful completion cards will be distributed. A health care provider option is offered for an additional \$5, payable at class. Ages 12+. The class is \$37 (non-resident \$44), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Life Care Planning

1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Make your choices known about who will manage your affairs in the event of an emergency. Join us for a free informative session presented by the State of Arizona's Attorney General's Office. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Holiday Safety Shopping Tips

- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk before you park and never after you park. Those bad elves may be watching not far away.
- Don't try to be like a super hero and overload yourself carrying lots of packages. You will make yourself an easy target for bad elves.
- Be stealthy! Especially, in large shopping centers like malls. Once you get two or three packages, take them to your car and secure them in the trunk. Next, get in the

car and drive to a different location in the parking lot, so it appears as if you are leaving. Reenter the shopping mall in a different location.

- Shop during daylight hours. If possible, and especially at night, shop in groups of two or more. Make it a fun girls' or guys' day out! Bad elves are more likely to approach people who are alone.
- If you are elderly and alone, ask for an escort to your vehicle. There are employees eager to help you.
- If you have to shop at night, park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances.
- This is one simple tip most frequently forgotten! Don't forget to LOCK your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the debit or credit cards you will need or use Apple Pay on your phone. Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Carry purses next to your body with the purse flap against you. Carry wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings, walk confidently like a super hero and look people in the eye. Bad elves are looking for people who are not paying attention and are distracted from their purse, wallet or packages.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security or police if you see suspicious activity or someone that looks like a suspicious bad elf.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call 911 to report it police immediately.

Glendale Events

Glendale Glitters Line-Up

Winter Wonderland Weekend Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Everyone's favorite little yellow guys will be invading downtown Glendale during Winter Wonderland Weekend. The Minions Movie will be showing nightly at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., and other highlights include free make-and-take Minions crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment. In addition, attendees can check out a fun interactive social media activity featuring Papa Ed's Ice Cream and enter to win prizes. Entertainment lineup for Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend: Friday, Dec. 11 6:00 Desert West Dance 7:00 Fry's Sun City Poms 8:00 Glendale Union High School Vocal Ensembles Saturday, Dec.



Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Highlights include all the fun family holiday activities that Glendale Glitters always brings, plus special celebration of and donation drives for worthy local charities. A new element this year will be Glendale Firefighter Charities on-site doing a 50/50 raffle and selling T-Shirts with proceeds going to their toy & clothing drive. And speaking of toys, attendees will enjoy the Disney family favorite, Toy Story, showing nightly at both 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., plus free Toy Story make-and-take crafts, face-painting, Santa Claus and musical entertainment.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 9, from 5-10 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Flutasia Flute Quartet: Holiday Concert

2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Join us for a holiday performance, featuring classical and contemporary favorites your whole family will enjoy. Performed by flutists Karen Thomasson, Rebekah Lowe, Emily Bean and Tana Welker. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser

5 p.m. to closing, Sunday, Dec. 13 & 20, at Arrowhead Barnes & Noble, 7685 W. Bell Rd.

Give a gift to the library as we gift wrap your presents! The Friends will be gift wrapping outside the Arrowhead Barnes & Noble store in exchange for donations to the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. The Friends will wrap anything within reason (no elephants, please!) and will accept any donation amount offered. If you're one of the "wrapping challenged" or just busy with the holidays, take your shopping to the Friends and make everyone happy. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

Service Spotlight

Some quick links to help our users during the holiday season:

[Water Services](#)

[Glendale Police Department](#)

[Glendale Fire Department](#)



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